

**Safety Committee  
January 12, 2009  
5:00 PM**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Mrs. Mershon called the meeting to order at 5:00PM

**Roll Call:** Present for the meeting today was Mrs. Mershon, Dr. Bender and Mrs. Turner. Also in attendance was Mayor Ebert, Christopher Strayer (Development Director), Matt Peoples (Public Works), Carrie Hoover (Public Relations) and Sgt. Kern.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Turner moved to approve the Minutes of the November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting. Dr. Bender seconded the motion.

<b>VOTES</b>	<b>AYES</b>	Mrs. Mershon, Dr. Bender, Mrs. Turner
	<b>NAYS</b>	
		Motion carried.

**Pended Items:** None at this time.

**New Items for Discussion:**

**09-01 Park Fees Review**

Matt Peoples stated that this issue was carried over from Committee of the Whole. Most council members were in favor of getting our park fees more in line with the surrounding communities. Mrs. Mershon noted that the Park fee was established in 1990 as \$250 and the amount has never changed. Mayor Ebert noted that this would go toward parks, not recreation. Mr. Peoples stated that it would help with landscaping; playground equipment and the labor involved in future projects.

Fees of various communities were discussed. Dr. Bender suggested \$500. Mayor Ebert stated that they have discussed \$500 - \$750 per acre. Mr. Strayer stated that he didn't believe that amount would be prohibitive to commercial development. Discussion ensued regarding the amounts the Village of Canal Winchester has paid for parks and upkeep.

It was discussed that Mrs. Turner would sponsor the legislation and bring the amount of \$750 for residential and \$750 for first acre and \$500/each additional acre for commercial forward to full Council. Mrs. Mershon asked if there can be a review process built in to have it reviewed every so many years. Mr. Peoples stated that this will be an amendment

to the development fees ordinance which will already be reviewed every 3 years. It needs to be sent in front of Planning and Zoning.

Mrs. Turner moved to take the change to the Commercial Park Fee to P&Z. Dr. Bender seconded the motion.

**VOTES**      **AYES**      Mrs. Mershon, Dr. Bender, Mrs. Turner  
                 **NAYS**  
                 Motion carried.

Dr. Bender asked Mayor Ebert about the date for the Park meeting. Mayor Ebert noted that it was pushed to the fourth Wednesday in February and would continue on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

**Fairfield County Sheriff's Report:** Sgt. Kern stated that he has a person, Sgt. Alex Slate, that instructs Woman's Self Defense Classes and would like to set up some dates for a free class for women in the community.

Sgt. Kern noted that the accident stats have gone up by 150 in the last four years. Discussion ensued regarding possible reasons.

**Community Affairs Report:** See written report.

**Old/New Business:** Mrs. Mershon asked if we could talk to ODOT about lighting the interchange in front of Meijers correctly. Mr. Peoples stated that ODOT has said they would not do it unless they had specific funding. Mrs. Turner stated that they really need additional lighting in that area. Mayor Ebert asked if it was truly lighting needed or just directional reflectors. Mrs. Mershon stated there isn't even standard lighting out there. With the hospital going in, lighting is necessary for safety. Mr. Peoples stated that he will look at what the original plans were and bring the information to the next Safety Committee meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Dr. Bender moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Turner.

**VOTES**      **AYES**      Mrs. Mershon, Dr. Bender, Mrs. Turner  
                 **NAYS**  
                 Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33pm